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MONTEREY NEWS

May, 1977

O U R T O W N

Monterey's Annual Town Meeting was held Saturday, May 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the social room of the United Church of Christ. Results of Town elections are as follows:

Contested:

Moderator for one year: Eugene O'Connell (140), Dean Amidon (123); Selectman for three years: Stefan Grotz (167), Robert Ensign (102); Treasurer for three years: Barbara Gauthier (120), O. E. Dugan (40); Library Trustee for three years: Alice Schick (132), Susan LeProvost (111); Regional School District Committee for two years: Joseph Burkholder (147), Marilyn Stevens (110).

Uncontested:

Tax Collector for one year: Henry Makuc; Auditor for one year: William Stevens; Assessor for three years: Cynthia Weber; Library Trustee for three years: Anne Marie Makuc and Betty Carlson; Cemetery Committee for three years: Claude Burke; Constable for three years: Raymond Tryon; Finance Committee for three years: Sheldon Fenn; Park Commission for three years: Anne Vickerman; Planning Board for three years: Jed Lipsky.

Ballot Vote on Regional School District Authority

There was a ballot vote on a proposal that the Town relinquish the authority to decide which schools may be maintained within its bounds and give that authority to the Southern Berkshire Regional School District. The proposal was defeated by a margin of 56 to 18, meaning that the Town of Monterey, and not the Regional School Committee will decide whether or not a school in the town is to be discontinued.

The Town Meeting

The meeting began with a review of the Town Budget, half painstaking, half perfunctory, during which large sums of money seemed to float out of indeterminate niches, only to disappear into other equally cavernous categories. Following the details was like watching tropical fish nip in and out of a coral reef. In an attempt to reassure those who didn't know the difference between Free Cash and Overlay Surplus Dick Tryon hauled out a time-worn statement of equivalencies. It's Six of One, Half-a-Dozen of Another, he said. Paul Thorn, transferring the metaphor from mathematics to domestic arts, added that It All Comes Out in the Wash. George Helmrich disagreed for a while, noting a possible 25% increase in the tax rate, before he conceded that probably Dick and Paul were right. It is rather a matter of when the wash is done, at a Town Meeting or some other time.

Generally awash, not only in high finance but also in parliamentary procedure, the Warrant buoyed itself up in homely detail: a hose for the Fire Department, paint for the fire escape, filing cabinets for the Secretary and the Clerk, and (not a moment too soon) a resuscitator for the Police Department.

In contrast to Monterey's larger neighbor to the west, Townspeople here generously voted to allot funds to various social services, these being the Berkshire Mental Health Association, the Council on Aging, the Help Phone and the Children's Health Program.

Section VI B (1) of the Zoning Bylaws was amended to facilitate reconstruction of structures extensively damaged but so vital to a family or business that the expensive and time-consuming procedures required by the Board of Appeals might, under certain carefully stated circumstances, be bypassed.

In order to make a stab at getting state money for highway maintenance, the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to write two senators and one congressman:

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1. To see if the Trust Fund can be amended to include "for maintenance," as well as for repair.
2. That this money go directly to the Town.
3. That the DPW oversee the use of the money, as they did under past projects such as Chapter 87 and Chapter 90.

Voter Turn-out

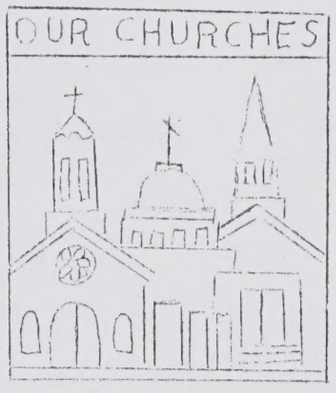
271 voters turned out this year, a considerable improvement over last year, and a good showing by any standards, according to the Town Clerk.

Memorial Day Parade

The Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 30, at 1:00 p.m. Beginning on the east side of town and proceeding to Greene Park, our annual mini-extravaganza promises to be much the same as last year: a band, dignitaries, horses, cowboys and cowgirls, the famous Fire Engine, youth organizations in uniform, flags flying, hot dogs and cold drinks at the end. Don't miss it.

Monterey Food Co-op

The Monterey Food Co-op wishes to remind townspeople and summer residents that its bi-weekly surplus food sales are open to everyone, and that its selection of food is more elaborate than ever. The next Food Distribution and Surplus Sale will be on Thursday, May 19, from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m., in the church social room. Anyone wishing more information may call Ellen Blount at 528-1988.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 a.m. each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes — Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . . Church School: Kindergarten, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . . . Grade 1-3 and Grade 4-6 Wednesday at 3:15 p.m.

Pentecost Sunday — On May 29 the church celebrates Pentecost Sunday. In the Monterey Church we recognize the Pentecost festival as one of particular joy. Therefore we seek to have our celebration of it marked by a joyful and festive spirit. We have asked as many as are able to bring candles, big, little, colored, white, plain and fancy. These all are lighted and burn together, reflecting the varied gifts of the Spirit. All in the community are invited to this joyous festival occasion on which we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

Children's Day — Church School will close for this season on June 5. On this day the morning worship will recognize our children and we will acknowledge their growth and advancement. One of the features of the day is to present Bibles to those who have reached an age in which they can begin to use them in their study. The whole church gathers on this day to rejoice in the growth of our children in the Christian life.

The Missing Link — Responses to "The Missing Link" have been coming in since the first public mention of it was made in the last issue of the MONTEREY NEWS. As was expected, different people see different ways in which services and needs might be joined together.

One proposal is to explore with people concerning special interest groups. There is a small amateur chamber music in town. Would any others like to join this group? How about establishing a poetry group in Monterey? Or a drama reading group? Or even an acting group? If any of these ideas appeal to you contact the director of "The Missing Link," Patricia Howard at 528-4879.

One person volunteered to read to the blind or elderly, but would need transportation. Are there persons who would be on call for emergency driving to hospital, airport or other such trips? A number of people are beginning gardeners. Are there people who would be willing to give advice on gardening problems?

Why not have a swap day in the park this summer? Would you like to set up your table displaying things for swap or sale?

Would you like to attend a meeting at which you share your ideas on food preparation and kitchen organization and hear the ideas others bring as well?

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ON BEING WHERE YOU ARE

We humans waste an enormous amount of energy by failing to fully be where we are. You may say that is a ridiculous statement, asking, "How can I be any place other than where I am?" A little thought will reveal that it is easy to be someplace else. In fact it is so easy that we do it a lot of the time, hardly realizing what we are doing.

I may be doing a routine sort of task. It doesn't require a lot of me, so it happens, the main part of me is "away" doing something I enjoy a lot more. Is there any one of us who hasn't experienced this over and over again? What person washing dishes has not become something of a world traveler? Or while the dishes are being done other tasks are already being "worked on." Who has not been in conversation with another person and the other inquires of us, "Hey, where are you?" And surely enough, when the truth comes out, we are in quite another place.

There is a positive quality in our capacity to be in several places at the same time. I would not want to discourage these positive values. Many routine jobs get as much of us as they deserve. It would be a waste of ourselves to tie the whole self down to a job that calls only for a mechanical "presence." Some of my best ideas come while I allow a part of me to work along mechanically at a task, but another part of me is pondering a problem in a vastly different area. It is on such occasions that solutions, approaches, ideas seem to "pop" into place with seemingly little effort on my part. I may have been trying to think my way through this same area at my desk, and it refuses to come. Then, when I apparently am taking it less seriously, it comes without my conscious effort. Here is a wonderful way to use our capacity to be someplace other than where we are, and I commend it to you.

Yet there are other ways in which this capacity may betray our best interests. The most notable betrayal of all comes when we use it in our relationships with other people. Is there anything much more insulting than to be with another who is giving you only a small part of himself? Why? Simply because most of himself is someplace else. Here is the husband who has come home from a long day's work. His wife looks forward to spending some valuable moments with him, talking about the children or something of mutual concern to both of them. She thinks he is listening, but from the empty stare and the vacuous replies she knows that he is still at work, or heaven knows where else. All she knows for sure is that he is someplace else, and not with her. It takes no wizard to predict that if this happens on a continuing basis the relationship is in trouble. The truth of it is, when we are dealing with other people we should overcome the habit of being someplace else. The more important these other people are to us, the more damaging it is to allow ourselves to go wandering off into other regions when we are with them.

We are a generation of bored people. We have allowed so many things to get our attention that we have developed the notion that the thing we are doing is less desirable than something else we might be doing. So we fail to make ourselves truly present at a lot of our activities. Part of us is off yearning for something different. Now I find myself asking, "How many things do I get bored with, simply because I have given so small a part of myself to them?" Many seemingly simple and uninteresting things were so purely because of my failure to see deeply enough what was there. I didn't see because my true focus was elsewhere. I am becoming more deeply convinced, with the years, that this is an enormous waste of energy. Our divided attention permits us to experience only surface impressions. We get bored because we fail to be fully where we are. Of course I don't see much of interest or value if I do not really give myself to being where I am. The irony of it is I may then go to where I imagined I'd rather be, but alas, I have become so adept at being someplace else that I likely will treat it the same way as the thing from which I just escaped.

My final contention is that the fountain of joy bubbles up most freely in this seemingly simple, yet difficult art of learning to be where we are. There is no end of wonder in the simplest things of this earth. There is cause for deep celebration in the everyday and the ordinary. Somehow the whole of life's meaning is trying to get through to us in the everydayness of our experiences. Yet some strange bedevilment makes us imagine it can be found just a bit further around the corner. So we refuse to give ourselves truly and fully to where we are.

Wouldn't you like to start working on this right now? Why not surprise yourself by truly letting yourself be in some relationship or some situation in which you characteristically find yourself being someplace else? Call yourself to account in this area and you might truly be surprised.

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

On Sunday, May 22, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a dedication of the new guest residence, which will be called McKee House. The Farm staff and guests hope that many friends and neighbors will join them in this celebration. Everyone is welcome. The program will include an invocation by Paul Kennedy, music by Arthur Chase of Sheffield, the dedication of a tree in memory of Samuel Clark McKee, the presentation of a gift from the Board of Directors to Virgil Brallier and a brief talk by David Balderston about Sidney McKee. Kent Smith will be the master of ceremonies. Refreshments will be served and everyone will be invited to view the premises.

At five o'clock in the morning of May 9 Virgil Stucker called Kent Smith from West Germany to tell his good news. He and Liz had just become the parents of a baby son, whom they are naming Dominick.

Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE # 291

Monterey Grange met on April 6. The theme was on Conservation and Stanley Zilka had a film shown on wild life by a member of the staff at the Hartsville Hatchery.

On April 20 the Grange met to confer the First and Second Degree on five candidates. Deputy Maurice Brazie made his official visitation. Guests were present from Richmond, Sandisfield, Stockbridge and Umpachene.

May 4 was the regular meeting, with a variety program. It was voted to have a fund-raising raffle.

On May 17 Monterey Grange furnished the program at Sheffield Grange. May 18 was a musical program in charge of the music committee.

Mary Wallace
Lecturer

MONTEREY COUNCIL ON AGING

Our council is pleased to report that the past year has been quite fruitful through the joint efforts of the South County Regional Councils on Aging (Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Sandisfield and Sheffield).

We have established additional transportation for the elderly of South County. We recently received a grant of $10,000 from the "Older Americans Act" for this purpose. The name of the organization is "Southern Berkshire Transportation Committee," composed of Council members of the above named towns, who shall administer this service. Berkshire Home Care Corporation, a service to the elderly (60 years or over) was instrumental in obtaining this grant for us.

Presently we have a van serving Monterey on Wednesday and Thursday, bringing our elderly yo the hot lunch site, shopping and Senior Center. The schedule is: Pick-up in Monterey, about 9:00 a.m. Return from Great Barrington about 2:00 p.m. There is no charge for this service. For reservations call Mrs. Claire Teague, Director at Senior Center, 528-1881.

The Senior Center on Castle Street invites all seniors to avail themselves of the many arts and crafts being taught. Mrs. Lois Ryder of Monterey is still giving much of her time teaching the art of painting, for which we are very grateful. Berkshire Home Care's South County office is also located at the Senior Center -- 528-9383. Or stop in for whatever your needs may be.

Alfred W. Mollé
Chairman

The Healer

He charged no money;
This drove away many.
He would kneel down before us,
Praying God to forgive us
For feeling and thinking
In discord with Heaven.
Then he would affirm
For us all to learn:
"God herself is with me,
God himself is with you,
Saving me from Hell,
Making you quite well."

Kelly Janes

SCOUTS

Boy Scouts — Pack 51 will have its end of year picnic and Pack Meeting June 10 at 7:00 p.m. at Benedict Pond. Parents are invited to come to a cook-out beforehand. Awards will be presented. There will be a field night following that, consisting of sports events for the boys.

Webelos — The Webelos are working on their Outdoor Badge and their Forestry Badge. They just completed their Sportsman Badge. This month's activities will consist mainly of cook-outs and fishing expeditions.

Cub Scouts — Den 1 went bowling on a recent rainy day and had a sailboat regatta in the Konkapot. This month the boys will be doing mostly outdoor activities, for example, making kites and airplanes and flying them.

The American Legion of New Marlborough, Post 350, has agreed to sponsor a Boy Scout troup. This will be for boys age 12 and over. Mr. Sidney Weinstein, institutional representative for the area, is seeking a leader. He may be reached at Kolburne School, if anyone is interested in the job.

GIRL SCOUTS

Cadettes — The Cadettes just passed their First Aid Emergency Preparedness Challenge Four girls participated in the Challenge, these being Colleen Hastedt, Susan Kickery, Agnes Pizzichemi and Liz Thorn. Senior Scouts Gwen O'Connell, Andrea Pizzichemi and Anna Thorn acted as accident victims and thereby provided the emergency situation for the Cadettes. Leader Jane Thorn reports that they handled it very well.

Brownies — The Brownies are working on their Bridge to Juniors Badge. They will entertain incoming Brownies at Maureen Bradley's home and will show them various aspects of life as a Brownie. Troup leaders expect about five kindergarteners and two second graders to attend. In the week following Brownies will meet with a Junior Troup in Great Barrington, at which time they will participate in the Flying Up Ceremony.

4-H NEWS

Small Engines Club — A new small engine club has been formed under the leadership of John Ryder. The name of the club is "The Piston Poppers." President is Warren Thomson, with Stephen Brown as Vice-President. Other members are Kenny Heath, Jon Andrus, Kevin Bradley, Mark Macuk, John Makuc, Jimmy Makuc, Shawn Ryder and Scott Ryder.

The first meeting was on the literature on small engines and the second meeting was on de-assembling an engine. Every member is required to have a small engine to work on. The club would appreciate any old engines. Call 528-2548.

Photography Club — Shawn Ryder represented the Southern Berkshire 4-H Camera Club of Great Barrington at the Visual Presentation at Bolton, Mass. Shawn's subject was "The Effects of Lighting." The presentation had to be seven minutes long, and no longer than ten minutes. Shawn entered as a senior this year. He received an "excellent" and also the State Rosette as the top demonstration in Photography.

LITTLE LEAGUE

Tryouts have started for this year's Little League Team. There has been a good turnout so far. Aspirants to the team are invited to come and try out. Twenty games have been scheduled for the year.

Requests in the MONTEREY NEWS and individually to businesses in the area brought in $389.00 for Little League uniforms. 15 uniforms have been purchased, and money left over will be used for helmets and other equipment.

C H A N G I N G

I will shake with the wind,
And freeze with the snow.
I will grow with light
And die with darkness.
I change like the weather.
I am never myself
For fear of darkness
And change of weather.

Pam Gauthier, Age 14

"The Missing Link" -- (continued)

Well, the pump has been primed. Do you connect with any of the above suggestions? Do they suggest anything further you would like to see explored?

Let's fill in the Missing Links. One way to start is to write Patricia Howard, Box 10 Monterey, or call her at 528-4879.

A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

Thanks to All

Many thanks to all the children, adults, truck drivers and truck lenders for helping with the annual town clean-up.

The clean-up went along very rapidly because of a steady rain. Most all the roads were picked up.

Refreshments of hot dogs, hamburgers and soda were served in the church social room.

It would be greatly appreciated if property owners would check and pick up along their property in an effort to keep our roadsides clean.

Monterey News Contributions

We are, as always, exceedingly grateful for contributions received this month. They were from Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Bowles, Mrs. Herbert Burk and Lt. Cdr. and Mrs. Findlay Crowe.

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